

Do not let the incumbent LECs have more control over the markets you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be stimulated, it will instead be impaired. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. Chairman Powell, please do not sell out to big business, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.